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1. WE CONSULTED MONTBRIAL WHO IS INTERESTED IN THE
TOPIC BUT NOT AVAILABLE FOR GENEVA MEETING. HE
CONSIDERED YVES JACQUES' OFFICE THE APPROPRIATE CONTACT.
HOWEVER, AFTER CONSULTING SEVERAL CONTACTS WE ARE OF
THE VIEW THAT WHILE THERE IS SOME GOOD TECHNICAL
PROGRAMS UNDERWAY HERE, LITTLE TIME HAS BEEN DEVOTED TO
JURIDICAL AND INTERNATIONAL POLICY ASPECTS OF
WEATHER MODIFICATION.

2. WITH THAT LIMITATION, WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING
SUGGESTED CONTACTS:

A. WITHIN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY OPERATIONAL AND
POLICY WORK IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MARIE-ANNIC
MARTIN-SANE WHO HEADS A SMALL OFFICE CONCERNED WITH
OCEANOGRAPHY, METEOROLOGY AND HYDROLOGY. THAT OFFICE
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IS WITHIN THE QUAI'S SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS SECTION, NOW
HEADED BY YVES JACQUES WHO RECENTLY SUCCEDED XAVIER
DE NAZELLE. THE QUAI'S CENTER FOR ANALYSIS AND
PLANNING, HEADED BY MONTBRIAL, HAS A PASSIVE INTEREST IN
THE TOPIC.

B. THE TECHNICAL FOCUS OF THIS TOPIC IS AT THE

CENTER FOR METEOROLOGY RESEARCH AND STUDIES OF THE
FRENCH METEOROLOGY SERVICE UNDER THE SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR TRANSPORT. THE HEAD OF THE CENTER IS ANDRE
VILLEVIEILLE WHO IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE DGRST-
SPONSORED SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ON ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH
AND (WE UNDERSTAND) PARTICIPATES IN A WMO PROJECT ON
RAIN ENHANCEMENT. PATRICK BROCHET, "INGENIEUR
GENERAL" WITH THE FRENCH METEOROLOGY SERVICE, IS
CONDUCTING STUDIES ON CLIMATOLOGY AND AGRICULTURE.
OTHER TECHNICAL LEADERS IN WEATHER MODIFICATION INCLUDE
GUY AUBERT, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF
ASTRONOMY AND GEOPHYSICS.

C. OTHER TECHNICAL LEADERS IN UNIVERSITIES
INCLUDE PROF. GUY SOULAGE, DIRECTOR OF THE LABORATORY
FOR DYNAMICS AND MICROPHYSIC ATMOSPHERICS, UNIVERSITY
OF CLERMONT-FERRAND.

3. FOR THE GENEVA MEETING WE WOULD SUGGEST
CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO QUAI OFFICIALS JACQUES AND
MARTIN-SANE. THEIR ABILITY TO CONTRIBUTE WOULD BE
GREATLY ENHANCED BY THE OPPORTUNITY TO READ WORKING
PAPERS AHEAD OF TIME AND DISCUSS ISSUES WITH THEIR
COLLEAGUES. SOMEONE WITH TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE SHOULD

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ALSO BE INCLUDED, PROBABLY FROM THE METEROLOGY SERVICE.
(VILLEVIEILLE INDICATED HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN
SUCH A MEETING BUT NOTED THAT A WMO CONGRESS ON
ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCES IS SCHEDULED FOR THAT PERIOD IN
MANILA AND HE AND OTHERS WOULD THEN NOT BE AVAILABLE TO
GO TO GENEVA.)

4. A VISIT TO PARIS SHOULD BE PART OF THE ADVISORY
BOARD'S CONSULTATIONS AND WOULD INCLUDE MEETINGS WITH
FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DGRST AND THE METEROLOGY SERVICE.

5. MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD SHOULD REALIZE
THAT WORK AND STUDIES, PARTICULARLY ON THE
INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS OF WEATHER MODIFICATION ARE VERY
MUCH ADVANCED IN THE US RELATIVE TO FRANCE. THE
CONSULTATIONS WILL YIELD "INITIAL REACTIONS" FROM THE
FRENCH AND A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN INTEREST IN THE
MATTER ON THEIR PART. THIS MISSIONARY WORK MAY NOT BE
OF SIGNIFICANT HELP TO THE IMMEDIATE TASK OF A REPORT
TO CONGRESS, BUT IS IMPORTANT AND WORTH THE EFFORT AT
THIS TIME TO HELP MEET FUTURE USG INTERNATIONAL
INTERESTS IN THIS FIELD.
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